

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 26, 2004

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 26, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Arthur Chairperson Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Shoulders
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee
Insp. Morris Wells
Sgt. Debbie Jackson
PO Woody

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Rick Jones
Sandra Hines

Phillip Hughes
Denise Desmond

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Kellie Williams

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

♦ **Thursday, August 19, 2004**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Norris** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no report from the Chair.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOSS**

(Chairperson Blackwell entered the conference room.)

SUSPENSIONS

On August 26, 2004, **Police Officer Nicole Rabor**, Badge 645, assigned to the Ninth Precinct, was suspended **without pay** by Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings.

On August 25, 2004, the Professional Accountability Bureau, Internal Affairs Section was notified of an allegation of misconduct on the part of Police Officer Nicole Rabor, badge 645, assigned to the Ninth Precinct. More specifically, the complaint alleged that Officer Rabor used unjustified physical force against her domestic partner (hereinafter complainant).

As a result, the Internal Affairs Section initiated an investigation, which revealed the following:

On August 25, 2004, at approximately 12:15 a.m., Officer Rabor was at home with the complainant in Clinton Township, Michigan. At that time, a

verbal altercation ensued. During the course of the verbal altercation, Officer Rabor threw a plastic bottle at the complainant and struck him in the head with her fist. Whereupon the complainant retreated to the bedroom and once inside locked the door thereto. Officer Rabor then kicked down the door to the bedroom and grabbed the telephone out of the complainant's hand. Officer Rabor then grabbed the cellular telephone charger and struck the complainant with it in the back area approximately five (5) times. The complainant fled the location and proceeded to the Clinton Township Police Department wherein he filed a complaint. At that time, photographs were taken and injuries to the complainant were documented. After which, Clinton Township Police Officers proceeded to Officer Rabor's residence, placed her into custody, and transported her to the Clinton Township Police Department for processing. Officer Rabor was then lodged in the Macomb County Jail, pending the issuance of a warrant.

On August 25, 2004, a felony warrant was issued against Officer Rabor, charging her with "Felony Assault," contrary to MCL 750.82. Felony Assault is punishable as a felony with four (4) years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,000.00.

On August 25, 2004, Officer Rabor appeared before Magistrate John P. Russ, of District Court 41-B for Clinton Township, wherein she was arraigned on the aforementioned charge. A plea of not guilty was entered on her behalf and she was released on a \$25,000.00 personal bond. The preliminary examination is pending a hearing date.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Rabor be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

CHARGE: CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL; CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS, THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL, SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3-5.7, CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, COMMAND 3.

Unless contravened by this Commission, the above suspension without pay will stand.

There were no contraventions to the above suspension without pay.

GENERAL ORDER

The following directive will be presented for discussion at the Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting on September 2, 2004:

- **Directive 203.6: Surveillance**

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	27	1,096
2003 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	23	869

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Vision Statement

BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

During the period of August 18th–24th, the *Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units* conducted 3 enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 3 Felony arrests
- ◆ 8 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 42 Grams of cocaine, 49 grams of heroin, and 5,000 grams of marijuana - street value \$72,028.00
- ◆ \$1,183.00 U.S. currency

On August 18th – 24th, *The Gang Enforcement Section* and *The Vice Unit* conducted enforcement actions within the boundaries of the Third, Seventh, and Thirteenth Precincts, resulting in the following arrests and citations:

- ◆ 5 Arrested for Disorderly Conduct-Flagging
- ◆ 1 Arrested for Admitting and Receiving
- ◆ 2 Arrested for Accosting and Soliciting
- ◆ 1 Arrested for Urinating in Public
- ◆ 2 Vehicles confiscated
- ◆ 1 Handgun confiscated

Crime Statistics

Citywide, based on our 6-month report to the state, the overall reduction is 6.3%, and the violent crime reduction is 10.9%.

Police/Community Intervention



TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated
Year-To-Date
2,572

TACTICAL SERVICES SECTION

On August 17th, Officers of the Tactical Services Section while on patrol in the area of I-96 and Joy observed a traffic violation. **As a result, a man was arrested for “Operating Under the Influence of Liquor,” and “Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Motor Vehicle.” A blue steel revolver was confiscated.**

FIFTH PRECINCT

On August 23rd, Officers of the 5th Precinct responded to a police run, on a woman shot. **The investigation resulted in a man being arrested for "Assault With Intent to Commit Murder." Confiscated was a nickel-plated automatic.**

EIGHTH PRECINCT

On August 16th, Officers of the 8th Precinct received a shots fired run to the 16000 block of Greydale. Responding officers obtained pertinent information, as well as a description of the wanted vehicle from citizens in the area. **Due to community involvement and the efforts of the officers, a man was arrested for "Possession of a Loaded Assault Rifle in a Motor Vehicle." An additional fully loaded magazine was also confiscated.**

NINTH PRECINCT

Due to an increase in the number of stolen vehicles reported in the 9th precinct, a joint operation was initiated on August 16th – 21st. Members from the 9th, 7th, and 5th Precincts, Commercial Auto Theft Section and numerous suburban police departments participated in this endeavor. **This combined effort resulted in 16 stolen vehicles being recovered, 17 felony and 2 misdemeanor arrests.**

ELEVENTH PRECINCT

On August 21st, officers of the 11th Precinct received a police run to the 900 block of Adeline, on a man shot. **As a result of the investigation, the wanted man was arrested for "Assault With Intent to Commit Murder," "Felony Assault," and "Felony in Possession of Firearm." Confiscated was a shotgun.**

DETROIT'S MOST WANTED

On August 18th, officers of the 2nd Precinct observed a man in the area of Livernois and Diversey, identified as one of Detroit's most violent persons wanted for **"Assault With Intent to Commit Murder," "Felony Firearm," "Assault With Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felony Assault," and "Assault and Battery."** After a brief foot chase, the man was arrested, without further incident.

TRAINING

On August 18th, **Officers from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy conducted "Sexual Harassment" training** to members from various commands throughout the Department.

On August 20th, at the Butzel Family Center, located at 7737 Kercheval, **the Traffic Safety Unit recertified 215 civilian crossing guards.**

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2004 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Phillip Hughes stated he was attacked by a young man during the Arab-American festival in front of his grandchildren. He also voiced concerns that more police officers should be visible during these kinds of events.

Chairperson Blackwell asked have you made a complaint?

Mr. Hughes stated no.

Chairperson Blackwell asked would you like to make a complaint?

Mr. Hughes stated yes.

AC Shoulders asked Mr. Hughes to file his complaint with Officer Woody after the meeting.

Sandra Hines voiced concerns regarding an article in the newspaper regarding a police chase resulted in a car accident and a 14-year old was killed.

AC Shoulders stated the officers were not initially involved in a chase. There were four young men, who knew each other and had stolen some cars from another jurisdiction. The young men were speeding down the street and sped pass a squad car. The officers then proceeded to turn their lights on and get behind one of the cars. The young men were driving so fast, one of the guys in the car took off and hit the other car that he was with and caused the car to spin out of control.

Denise Desmond stated that a police officer from the Detroit Police Department raped her 14-year old daughter and voiced concerns that he is still on the force.

AC Shoulders asked her to speak with Insp. Morris Wells after the Board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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